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## Welding - Downtown Christmas Project

Every year our Welding program creates a sculpture for the City of Pontiac that is revealed at Pontiac's Christmas tree lighting and light up parade. This year they have created two new amazing sculptures, one being Jack Skellington from "The Nightmare Before Christmas" with his dog Zero, the other being Sandy Claus or better known as Santa to many others. When they first started, the students had to come to an agreement on what they were going to make this year. They made a decision and got to work, putting a lot of time and effort into these projects. It's a great real world learning experience for the students, learning how to work together and dealing with deadlines. They have to learn how to get things done by the time the client wants it finished. If you head to downtown Pontiac, these sculptures and ones from the past years are on display to see.



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# Students of the Month



## Aidan Lee - Engineering

### **What does being selected as student of the month mean to you?**

It's very exciting. Knowing that I was selected from a large group of outstanding students is a very pleasing accomplishment.

### **What are your future plans beyond high school?**

I plan to run XC & Track at Heartland Community College then go to a larger D1 or D2 engineering school.

### **What's something special people should know about you\ a cool fact?**

I can run for a long time.

### **If later today you were pulled into the office and given 1 million dollars, what would you do with the money?**

I'd invest a majority of it, put some into savings & retirement funds, buy a car & pay off my parents & siblings loans.

### **How has being a part of the LACC changed your education and experience in high school?**

Being in LACC has helped me make new friends from other schools and also find what I want to do in my future.



## Jaden Lucas - Digital Media & Graphics



### **What does being selected as student of the month mean to you?**

It is a great privilege to be selected, out of so many other nominees. To me it speaks to my hard work and dedication, as this class provides many opportunities to showcase this through different jobs and tasks. Furthermore, this recognition means a great deal to my family, as my brother was very successful through LACC, and now it is my turn to take the reins.

### **What are your future plans beyond high school?**

My future is still under construction as I do not have any plans set in stone. This is my junior year in high school and I've had many different options before me. I definitely know I would like to attend college. Possibly I would attend a community college such as Heartland, and/or attend a four year university, such as Olivet Nazarene or Liberty University. No matter what I decide, I want my future to include something in the realm of photography and/or studio art.

### **What's something special people should know about you\ a cool fact?**

Outside of school I enjoy being a part of my church's worship team.



### **If later today you were pulled into the office and given 1 million dollars, what would you do with the money?**

I would put a majority away into savings for my future or retirement. I would also surprise my parents with something (not sure what), and maybe even purchase a new camera lens.

### **How has being a part of the LACC changed your education and experience in high school?**

The LACC has provided me with an education that would be hard to find elsewhere, before moving onto my next stage of life. It has given me a chance to learn, while still having a great deal of freedom to practice my photography, digital art, and other skills on my own. This class also is something that is very different from my other curriculums, and it is something I enjoy, as new challenges and activities present themselves each day.





# Fire Fighting / EMT

Fire fighting is a program where seniors and juniors prepare for the transition of continued education in a fire academy, to a future employment potentially in the field. Those enrolled in this program have the ability to learn technical skills in fire behavior, bunker gear use, and breathing apparatus. In addition, this program teaches students the necessary skills needed for forcible entry and rescue operations, as well as the handling of fire hose and other appliances. It is no secret that this class is very physical as it requires a student to get dirty and sweaty just like they would do in the fire service. Students are also given the opportunity to train multiple times a week at the Pontiac Fire Department Headquarters.

EMT is a program partnered with OSF, and was created to prepare students for caring and handling potentially critically ill or injured individuals. This senior course focuses on the development of one's skills needed to assess individuals afflicted by illness while still applying proper emergency procedures. In addition, this course follows the IDPH guidelines when in the field and behind the desk. Students will have the opportunity to work in the ER, ride in an ambulance, and respond to real time emergencies. Afterwards, those who enrolled, and successfully completed this course will be eligible for the national registry EMT basic licensure exam.

Both of these courses offer students the opportunity to compete in SkillsUSA and last year LACC sent four students from these courses. Aeden McDowell competed in the category of firefighting and finished 5th overall in the State. Aeden was also one of the 2022-2023 LACC students of the year.

